

**City of Seattle Boards and Commissions**  
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<b>BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>NO. OF MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>
Advisory Committee on Tolling and Traffic Management	15	5 appointed by Council 5 appointed by Mayor 5 appointed by WSDOT	N/A	Advises the City and the State on options and strategies to raise revenue and to minimize traffic diversion.	Rasmussen
Aging Advisory Council, Seattle-King County or Advisory Council for Aging and Disability Services, Seattle-King County	27	9 appointed by Mayor, 9 by King County Executive, 9 by United Way	2-year	Serves as an advocate body on behalf of older persons residing within the Seattle-King County Planning and Service area. The Council represents the needs, problems, interests and accomplishments of older persons to the public.	Clark
Arts Commission, City of Seattle	16	8 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 appointed by Commission	2-year	Promotes and encourages public programs to further the development and public awareness of and interest in the fine and performing arts in Seattle through the purchase of artworks and art services, providing technical assistance and information related to the arts, and advising the City in the development of cultural policy. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Licata
Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board	7	2 appointed by Mayor, 5 elected	2-year	Preserves historic and architectural heritage, fosters civic pride, supports aesthetic and economic vitality, encourages continued private ownership, and promotes local identity of the District.	Bagshaw
Benaroya Hall Music Center Board	12	11 appointed by the Seattle Symphony Board, 1 appointed by Mayor	1-year	Oversees the management, business, and affairs and policies of the BHMC, Inc., an independent 501(c)(3) corporation responsible for constructing Benaroya Hall.	Licata
Bicycle Advisory Board, City of Seattle	12	7 appointed by Mayor 5 appointed by City Council	2-year	Advises the City Council, the Mayor, and departments and offices of the City on matters related to bicycling and the impacts that actions of the City may have upon bicycling, and contribute to aspects of the City's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Rasmussen
Board of Park Commissioners	9	4 appointed by Council 5 appointed by Mayor	3-year	Consults with and makes recommendations to City Council, the Mayor, and the Superintendent regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's policies for the planning, development and use of the City's park and recreation facilities.	Godden
Bridging the Gap Levy Oversight Committee	15	5 appointed by Mayor 5 appointed by City Council 5 various	2, 3, and 4 years	Serves as a vital mechanism of accountability on how BTG revenues are spent on transportation maintenance and improvements. Monitors revenues, expenditures, and program and project implementation.	Rasmussen
Citizens Telecommunication and Technology Advisory Board	16	9 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council	3-year	Advises the Mayor and the City Council on issues pertaining to telecommunications, including cable television access, electronic communications and regulatory issues regarding wire and wireless communication systems. (Mayoral appointments include	Harrell

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				one "Get Engaged" representative.)	
City Light Rate Advisory Committee	15	7 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 by Committee itself	4-year	Makes recommendations on City Light rate policy issues.	Sawant
Civil Service Commission	3	1 appointed by Mayor, 1 appointed by City Council, 1 elected by employees	3-year	Hears appeals involving administration of the Personnel System.	Burgess
Community Police Commission	15	15 appointed by Mayor	Until terminated by the city	Fulfills duties outlined in Executive Order No. 02-2012 and consistent with the Settlement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the United States Department of Justice and the City of Seattle.	Harrell
Construction Codes Advisory Board	13	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Examines and makes recommendations regarding proposed administrative rules and amendments of Seattle's Building, Electrical, Energy and Mechanical Codes. Serves as appeal body in matters of interpreting these codes.	O'Brien
Design Commission	10	All appointed by Mayor	2-year	Provides professional design advice to City departments, the Mayor, and City Council on capital improvements. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	O'Brien
Design Review Board	36	11 appointed by Mayor, 11 appointed by City Council 14 jointly appointed by Mayor and City Council	2-year	Assists DPD in evaluation of projects subject to Design Review based upon the City's design guidelines. Provides a forum for citizens, developers and the City to review and guide the design of qualifying commercial and multifamily development projects.	O'Brien
Economic Development Commission	10	5 Mayor, 5 Council	2-year	Advises and recommends on City's basic economic health, local business climate, quality of life and job creation.	Clark
Ethics and Elections Commission	7	3 appointed by Mayor, 3 appointed by City Council, 1 elected by members	3-year	Administers and enforces Ethics, Elections, Whistleblower and Lobbying Codes.	Burgess
Families and Education Levy Oversight Committee	12	5 mayor, 5 council, 2 SPS	3-year	Oversees levy funding approved by voters for support programs for Seattle Public Schools.	Burgess
Firearms Review Board	3	2 appointed by Mayor, 1 appointed by guild president	3-year	Attends meetings of the Seattle Police Department Firearms Review Board as non-voting observers, reports annually to the Mayor and Council on the proceedings of the Firearms Review Board, and increases the confidence of the general public in the review process.	Harrell
Fire Code Advisory Board	15	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Advises City on proposed amendments related to Fire Code, hears appeals related to interpretation and application of the Fire	Harrell

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				Code and makes recommendations to Fire Chief relating to such appeals.	
Fire Facilities Oversight Committee	6	3 appointed by Council 2 appointed by Mayor 1 appointed by Seattle Fire Fighters	N/A	Monitors and reports to the Mayor and the City Council on the progress of the levy programs.	Harrell
Freight Advisory Board	12	6 Mayor, 5 council, 1 Port of Seattle	2-year	Advises on development of functional efficient freight systems and all matters related to freight.	Rasmussen
Housing Levy Oversight Committee	13	7 appointed by Mayor , 6 appointed by City Council	3-year	Monitors and reports to the Mayor and the City Council on the progress of the levy programs.	Clark
Human Rights Commission, Seattle	16	8 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 by Commission	2-year	Provides equal opportunities for minorities, aging and persons with disabilities through the enforcement of City ordinances pertaining to equal opportunity and affirmative action. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Harrell
Immigrant and Refugee Commission	15	8 appointed by Mayor 7 appointed by City Council	2-year	Advises the Mayor, Council and city departments on ways to enhance and improve access to city services and resources for immigrants and refugees. Strengthens opportunities for immigrants and refugees to participate in the civic life of the city, advises on the successful implementation of the 2007 Immigrant and Refugee Action Plan and on future updates of the plan; and encourages understanding between and among the various immigrant and refugee communities and the larger Seattle community.	Harrell
Industrial Development Corporation, City of Seattle	5	3 appointed by Mayor, Mayor and City Council Finance Chair are the other two members	1-year	Facilitates local economic development and employment opportunities in Seattle Ord. 111396 / SMC 3.116 (inactive).	Licata
International District Special Review Board	7	2 appointed by Mayor, 5 elected by constituency	2-year	Promotes, preserves, and perpetuates the cultural, economic and historical qualities of the International District.	O'Brien
Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee	6	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Provides oversight into apprenticeship committees.	Burgess
Landmarks Preservation Board	12	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Identifies potential landmarks, makes decisions on landmark designations, and makes recommendations to City Council on landmark controls for adoption into designating ordinances. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Bagshaw
Library Board of Trustees, Seattle Public	5	All appointed by Mayor	5-year	Informs, enriches and empowers every citizen by creating and promoting free and easy access to a vast array of ideas and information and by supporting lifelong learning and love of	Godden

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Music Commission, City of Seattle	21	11 appointed by Mayor, 10 appointed by Council	3-year	Advises City officials regarding leadership and support in the music arena, and also serves as a forum for City employees and departments to share information on upcoming issues and opportunities of relevance to Seattle's music sector. Strives to enhance the growth and development of Seattle's music sector and convey the City's commitment to the industry, musicians and audience.	Licata
Office of Professional Accountability Review Board	7	All appointed by City Council	2-year	Provides community oversight and awareness of Seattle Police Department practices and its employee accountability system by independently reviewing the quality of the accountability system, promoting public awareness of and full access to the system, obtaining information and opinions from police officers and the community on police practices and accountability, and advising the City on police practices and accountability.	Harrell
Parks Levy Oversight Committee	16	8 appointed by Mayor 8 appointed by City Council	3-year	Reviews expenditure of tax proceeds and interest earnings, advises upon expenditures and allocations, and makes recommendations on implementation of projects and programs.	Godden
Pedestrian Advisory Board	12	7 appointed by Mayor, 5 appointed by City Council	2- year	Advises the Mayor, the City Council, and departments on matters related to pedestrian safety, access and encouragement. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Rasmussen
Pike Place Market Historical Commission	12	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Preserves architectural, social, economic, cultural and historic qualities of the Pike Place Market. Provides for continued preservation of existing buildings, new construction, and continued occupancy by traditional Market activities.	Bagshaw
Pioneer Square Preservation Board	10	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Preserves, protects and enhances the historic and architectural character of Pioneer Square. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Bagshaw
Planning Commission, City of Seattle	16	8 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 by Commission itself	3-year	Makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and other City departments on the City's planning goals and policies, and on such plans for the City as current and future development may require. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	O'Brien
Public Safety Civil Service Commission	3	1 appointed by Mayor, 1 appointed by City Council, 1 elected	3-year	Implements and directs Civil Service System for specified uniformed personnel of the Fire and Police Departments, and assures fair and effective selection, promotion and retention of well-qualified employees.	Harrell
Seattle Center Advisory	16	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Advises Center staff, and Mayor and the City Council on policy	Godden

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Commission				matters that affect Seattle Center. Also provide the staff, Mayor and City Council with assessment of operations, performances, plans and policies. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	
Seattle Commission for People w/Disabilities	16	8 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 appointed by Commission	2-year	Informs the Mayor, City Council, and City departments about issues of importance to people with disabilities; assures access to City services and facilities; recommends policies, practices, and legislation to the City in matters affecting the concerns of people with disabilities; and encourages understanding among people with various disabilities as well as between people with disabilities and the larger Seattle community. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Harrell
Seattle Housing Authority	7	All appointed by Mayor	4-year	Approves SHA's annual budget and sets policy. SHA is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners, two of whom are SHA residents. The Commissioners are responsible for	Clark
Seattle Investment Fund LLC	7	7 appointed by Mayor	N/A	Applies for and allocates New Markets Tax Credits to eligible programs.	Clark
Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Commission	16	8 appointed by Mayor, 7 appointed by City Council, 1 appointed by Commission	2-year	Provides information to the Mayor, City Council, and other City departments, offices, commissions and boards concerning issues of importance to lesbians, gays and other sexual minorities; ensure that City departments address fairly the concerns of lesbians, gays and other sexual minorities individually and as a protected class under City ordinance and other applicable laws; recommends policies to all departments and offices of the City in matters affecting gay, lesbian, and sexual minority concerns, and recommend legislation for the implementation of such policies; encourages understanding between the lesbian, gay and sexual minority communities and the larger Seattle community through long-range projects.	Harrell
Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel	9	4 appointed by Council 5 appointed by Mayor	1-year	Guides development of the strategic plan, allowing residents and rate payers to provide leadership and guidance on priorities, direction and the future goals of SPU.	Bagshaw
Seattle – King County Taxicab Advisory Commission	11	2 Mayor, 2 Council, 5 by King County, one by commission	3-year	Studies and reports on matters concerning taxicab industry and service and makes recommendations on changes.	Licata
Sister Cities Coordinating Council	20	10 appointed by Mayor 10 rotating	2-year	Promotes visibility and develops long-term vision for Seattle's sister cities.	Godden
Special Events Committee	5	5 appointed by Mayor	1 year	Assists event organizers in exercising their constitutional rights balanced with the City's right to regulate the time, place, and manner of special events in order to protect public health and	Clark

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				safety, to reduce adverse impacts on the public places and neighboring areas, and to protect the rights of other users of our public places.	
Urban Forestry Commission	9	4 appointed by Mayor 4 appointed by City Council 1 Committee	3-year	Advises the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle.	Bagshaw
Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities Board	9	3 appointed by Mayor 3 appointed by Governor 3 appointed by King County	4-year	Oversees the public non-profit corporation formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a state convention and trade center in Seattle.	Clark
Women's Commission, Seattle	20 (or 21)	9 (OR 10) appointed by Mayor, 9 appointed by City Council, 2 by Commission	2-year	Researches, analyzes and makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City Departments, on issues facing women in Seattle. (Mayoral appointments include one "Get Engaged" representative.)	Harrell
Youth Commission, City of Seattle	25	13 Mayor, 12 council	1-year	Represents the voices of Seattle youth to local government leaders.	Bagshaw

**The following are assigned by Resolution 31499**

Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority Board	9	All appointed by Mayor	3-year	Carries out the development and maintenance of residential, health care, and education facilities on a 20-acre site in northeast Seattle.	Clark
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program Council	12	3 appointed by Mayor, 6 elected by constituency, 3 appointed by CHHIP Council	3-year	Assists homeowners, property owners, tenants and residents of the Capitol Hill community in preserving and restoring the quality of their homes, property and neighborhood.	Clark
Chinatown-International District Preservation & Development Authority Council, Seattle	12	4 appointed by Mayor, 4 elected by PDA Council, 4 elected by constituency	4-year	Serves as International District's housing developer and economic/retail management agency.	Bagshaw
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority Council	12	4 appointed by Mayor, 4 appointed by PDA Council, 4 elected by constituency	4-year	Focuses on preservation and enhancement of the historic heritage of Seattle for the mutual pride and enjoyment of citizens, and creation of a more livable environment within the historic areas of the city.	Bagshaw
Museum Development Authority Council	9	3 appointed by Mayor, 3 appointed by Seattle Art Museum, 3 appointed by MDA Council	Term varies	Undertakes, assists with, and otherwise facilitates the operation of the Seattle Art Museum in downtown Seattle.	Licata

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Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	9	4 appointed by Mayor, 1 by King County Executive, 4 by the PHPDA Governing Council	3-year	Manages Development Authority affairs and governance of Pacific Medical Center.	Clark
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	12	4 appointed by Mayor, 4 appointed by PDA Council, 4 by constituency	4-year	Sets policies by which the Pike Place Market is managed and hires an Executive Director to carry out those policies.	Bagshaw
Seattle Indian Services Commission	8	All appointed by Commission		Serves the needs of the agencies serving American Indians residing within the city of Seattle. They have an eight member Council, subject to confirmation by the City Council. No actual appointments are made by City officials.	Clark